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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Neil PORTER et al.) Group Art Unit: 1654
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Serial No.: 09/936,726) Examiner: Randall O. Winston
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) Confirmation No.: 8955
For: BIOCHEMICAL SYNTHESIS)
APPARATUS)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated November 2, 2004, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I – claims 1-13, 32 and 36-49; Group II – claims 14-16 and 33; Group III – claims 17-19 and 34; Group IV – Claims 20 and 25; Group V – claims 21-24 and 35; and Group VI – claims 26-31 and 50-57. Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-13, 32 and 36-49 with traverse as each of the claims of Groups II to V share features recited in claim 1, and the apparatus claims of Group IV contain elements corresponding to the steps of the method claims of Group I.

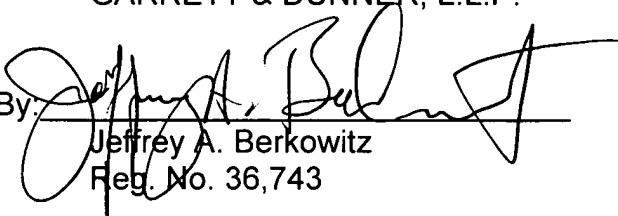
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Respectfully submitted,

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